

REMARKS

Prior to this Response and Amendment the claims pending in the application were Claims 1(amended three times), 3(amended), 7(amended), 9(amended), 10(amended), 11, 12(amended three times), 13, 14(amended), 15(amended), 16(amended), 17, 18(amended), 19(amended) and 20(amended twice).

After amendment, the claims remaining in the application are Claims 1(amended four times), 3(amended), 7(amended), 9(amended), 10(amended), 11, 12(amended four times), 13, 14(amended), 15(amended), 16(amended), 17, 18(amended), 19(amended) and 20(amended three times).

Claims 1, 3, and 9-10 and 12 - 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C., 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 5,242,968 (Minghetti), USP 5,304,592 (Gharary) and USP 5,130,374 (Cozens).

However, the Applicants note that Claim 11 is deemed allowable based on the Applicants' arguments presented of record and the data set forth in Tables I and II on pages 4 and 26 of the present application.

Thus, Claims 1, 3, and 9 –10 and 12- 20 are still rejected because their scope reads on the prior art in their scope includes the use of zero percent impact modifier.

The Examiner states that the previously proposed Amendment will not be entered because it raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

However, the Examiner suggests that if impact modifier is required to be present then Applicant should amend the Claims to reflect that the thermoplastic matrix comprises a mixture of impact modifier and polyalkyl methacrylate.

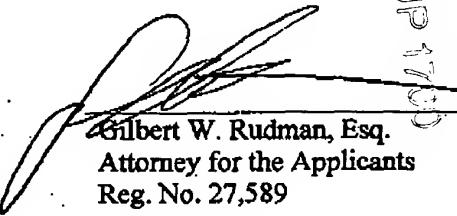
The Applicant has followed the Examiner's suggestion and have so amended Claim 1, 12 and 20.

In view of the above, the Applicant believes that the claims herein should now be allowable to the Applicant.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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